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1. A rigid control of newspaper and magazine publication in North Korea was enforced during the early part of 1949. The government of North Korea described this control as necessary because of a scarcity of newsprint. Private individuals were forbidden to distribute any publication and permission to publish was granted only to government organs and civil institutions. A strict censorship was enforced also, and only approved articles could be printed.
2. Daily newspapers in North Korea include the following:
 - a. North Hamgyong Province Labor News (Ham Puk No Tong Sin Mun 咸北勞働新聞), official organ of the North Hamgyong Province headquarters of the North Korean Labor Party; published immediately after the war as Chong No (正路) (True Path); editor-in-chief, CH'OE Mu (崔武); office in Chongjin (129-49, 41-46).
 - b. South Hamgyong Province Labor News (Ham Nam No Tong Sin Mun 咸南勞働新聞), official organ of the North Korean Labor Party in South Hamgyong Province; published at Hamhung (127-32, 39-54); editor-in-chief, CHONG (鄭), fnu; appeared immediately after the war as Ol T'a (誇卜) (Truth).
 - c. Kangwon Province Labor News (Kangwon Do No Tong Sin Mun 江原道勞働新聞), organ of the NKLP in the province; published at Wonsan (127-26, 39-10); editor-in-chief, KIM Kang (金剛)*; appeared after the war as Min Song (民聲) (People's Voice).
 - d. Hwanghae Province Labor News (Hwanghae Do No Tong Sin Mun 黃海道勞働新聞), published at Haeju (125-42, 38-02); editor-in-chief, YIM Hön-u (林憲友).
 - e. North Pyongan Province Labor News (Pyong Puk No Tong Sin Mun 平北勞働新聞), published at Sinuiju (124-24, 40-06); editor-in-chief unknown.
 - f. Democratic Korea (Min Chu Cho Sön 民主朝鮮), official organ of the Supreme People's Council of the North Korean government; published in Pyongyang; editor-in-chief, HAN Söl-ya (韓雪岬)*.

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- g. Labor News (No Tong Sin Mun 勞動新聞), official organ of the North Korean Labor Party; published in Pyongyang; editor-in-chief, PAK P'al-yang (朴八陽).
- h. Kae Pyok (開闢) (State Foundation), official organ of the Youth Friendship Party; published in Pyongyang; editor-in-chief, YI Ton-hwa (李敦化).
- i. T'u Sa (鬪士) (Patriotic Fighters), official organ of the Patriotic Fighters' Support Association; published in Pyongyang, editor-in-chief, HAN Pin (韓彬)*.
- j. People's papers in each province, serving as the official organ of the provincial committee and published at the provincial capital.

3. Among monthly magazines are the following:

- a. The People (In Min 人民), official organ of the Central People's Committee; editor-in-chief, T'AE Song-su (太成洙), formerly editor-in-chief of Labor News.
- b. Cultural Front (Mun Hwa Chon Son 文化戰線), organ of the North Korean Arts and Culture General League; editor-in-chief, HAN Sol-ya.
- c. People's Education (In Min Kyo Yuk 人民教育), organ of the Ministry of Education; editor-in-chief unknown.
- d. Literature (Mun Hak 文學), organ of the North Korean Literary League; editor-in-chief, AN Ham-kwang (安含光).
- e. Korean-Soviet Culture (Cho So Mu Hwa 朝蘇文化), organ of the Korean-Soviet Cultural Association; editor-in-chief, YI Ki-yong (李箕永)*.
- f. History (Yok Sa 歷史), organ of KIM Il-song University; editor-in-chief, T'AE Song-su.
- g. Natural Science (Cha Yon Kwa Hak 自然科學), organ of KIM Il-song University; editor-in-chief, YI Ho (李浩)*.
- h. International Review (Kuk Che P'yong Non 國際評論), organ of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; editor-in-chief unknown.
- i. New Korea (Sae Cho Son 新朝鮮), organ of the People's Publishing Agency; editor-in-chief unknown.
- j. New Movie (Sin Yong Hwa 新映畫), organ of the North Korea National Movie Studio; editor-in-chief, SIM Yong (沈影).

4. Most of these newspapers and magazines are sold through allotment to various organizations and civil institutions. Materials for reading classes in factories and in rural areas are drawn from the articles in Labor News, and this newspaper is also used as the basis for an examination which is given to government employees.

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HAN Pin - member of the NKLP Central Committee; see [REDACTED] 25X1A
 HAN Sol-ya - member of the Central Committee of the Fatherland Unification Democratic Front; see [REDACTED] 25X1A
 KIM Kang - former chief of the Bureau of State Security; see [REDACTED] 25X1A
 YI Ho - Chief of the Bureau of State Security, but resigned after PARK Sung-uk became Minister of the Interior.
 YI Ki-yong - member of the Central Committee of the Fatherland Unification Front; see [REDACTED]

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